

Submitter: Kanyanat Lertkhonsan

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Kanyanat Lertkhonsan

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Kanyanat Lertkhonsan, and I live in Mission, Texas. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing to you because I am a passionate supporter of sustainable agriculture and food.

I care about stopping the expansion of factory farms in Oregon because I understand how factory farms can be harmful to the environment. Factory farms drain and pollute Oregon's water resources. Oregon's 11 mega dairies the same amount of water every day as a small city. In addition to catastrophic manure spills, the sheer amount of manure that factory farms produce often exceeds what crops can absorb. This causes manure runoff into waterways.

Factory farms fuel climate change by releasing harmful and dangerous greenhouse gases, like methane and nitrous oxide. Oregon's 11 mega-dairy facilities produce over 17 million kilograms of methane gas every year – the same as the emissions from 318,000 passenger vehicles.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, and rural communities.

Sincerely,

Kanyanat Lertkhonsan